EXTRAVAGANZA UNREADY.

SO NEW YORK WAS WITHOUT A NEW

PLAY ON A MONDAY NIGHT, Except a Drama in the German of Felix Phillipi at the Irving Place-Irving's Return and the Japanese Actors-A

Leading Actor Who Has to Imitate. The first-nighters counted only on an extravaganza last night. Nothing else than "The Regatta Girl" at Koster & Bial's had been advertised in the way of a new play in English. although it was a Monday in the height of the theatrical season So it was something of a shock to the seekers of novelty to read at the portals of the big music hall in West Thirtyfourth street that the production had not been sufficiently rehearsed, and therefore would not be performed publicly until Wednesday night. Not a week since last August had begun without something like a dramatic novelty in Broadway, but this time the single new piece was in German at the Irving Place. and the death watch-that is what Marie Dressler once called the cynical contingent which attends upon stage experiments—does not extend its service in that direction. However, there were changes of bill at two of the upper Broadway theatres. Sir Henry Irving began a fortnight at the Knickerbocker with a renewal of "Robespierre." Ellen Terry's illness prevented her appearance, but her rôle in this drama is not of much consequence, and so she was not missed professionally, though personally her absence was regretted. The substitute was Maud Milton, a capable member of the Irving-Terry company. The Japanese actors moved from the Berkeley Lyceum to the Bijou, where there crude but vital art, with its native force appreciably influenced by French finish, puzzled and amused its first Broadway audience. The vigor of Kawakami and the grace of Sada Vacco were appreciated, though some of the oddities of the performance were taken for fun, whether meant

though some of the oddities of the performance were taken for fun. whether meant so or otherwise. Some of the people turned away from Koster & Bial's remembered that souvenir stockings were to be given away at "Naughty Anthony," at the Herald Square, and dropped in there to get them, along with Miss Bates's show of vivilled hosiery in the farce. It is Lent now, but the theatres generally had large audiences, the penitential season seeming to have had little effect.

The reappearance of Henry Irving last night was extraordinary in one way. It is probably the first time he has started an engagement in New York with the house no more than two-thirds full. Of course, all the seats were sold days ago but many were bought by sidewalk speculators. When the night came with the announcement that Eilen Terry would be unable to play the spectators who buy their tickets on the sidewalks staved away, with the result that there were many vacant seats and nobody standing. It was a tribute to Miss Terry and showel plainly that though Mr. Irving is the greater actor of the two, his companion player comes in for a large share of appreciation and popularity. As the evening progressed and the venders found themselves with expensive tickets on their hands, they commenced offering them as low as 50 cents a piece. Think of it. Henry Irving at continuous show prices, and the house not full. People who were passing in Broadway seemed to think it a thing so strange as to be doubtful, so didn't buy. At the end of the third act Mr. Irving was called upon for a speech, which he made, thanking the audience of its appreciation. He spoke of his regret at Miss Terry's necessary absence, and said that she would be able to appear again next week, He also complimented Maude Milton on her good work as a substitute for the famous actress. Miss Milton was wortby of the praise, for she played the part excellently.

To be leading man of a stock company like Henry V. Donnelly's at the Murray Hill requires more than ability to act usual heroic parts. The actor must be able to fill the place, or at least do his best, by copying the manners of the often well-known player who has first presented the rôle. Thus Raigh Stuart has lately had to imitate such different personalities as those of E. H. Sothern, William Gillette, Nat Goodwin, Lester Wallack, John Drew and Herbert Kelcey. In the latter two cases mimicry was not necessary, as the characters had not been written especially for Drew and Kelcey, but were suitable to any impersonator of stage heroism. In the Sothern. Gillette and Goodwin instances. however, the parts had been fitted to the popular players by experienced playwrights as coats are shaped by tailors. An actor is not measured by what he can do so much as by what the public likes to see him do. Gillette and Goodwin are really better as comedians than serious lovers, but they are delighting the unthinking public and not offending better judges of acting in sober parts. After undertaking four Sothern rôles, three Gillette and one Goodwin. Stuart had to do his best to copy Soi Smith Russell's mannerisms. "Peaceful Valley" was revived at the Murray Hill yesterday. This play was written by Edward E. Kidder for Russell, each and every peculiarity of the actor being studied and catered to. Persons who have seen the comedy remember Hosea House, the New Hampshire farmhand who loves and marries a rich girl from the city. The country man is an attractive fellow, awkward and shy with city folk, but brave and manly in his own surroundings. Mr. Stuart finds in him something quite different from the cigar smoking, heroes of Gillette or the sentimental lovers of Sothern. Hosea House is comfe and sentimental at the same time. In the most dramatic scene of the piece, where he is going to New York to find his stray sister, he demands his carpetbag of his mother and puts on a hat that causes laughter. His appearance is hardly different from that of the customary comic rustic, yet the honest sentiment keeps the spectators almost weeping at his inner self while they are laughing at the outer man. It is a good scene, and one in which Soi Smith Russell is remembered, admiringly. Mr. Stuart does it well, never dropping the country manner or speech, yet giving full force to dramatic meaning. It is a decided change from last week, when he had a Draw part in an old Daly comedy. The others of the Donneily company appear to advantage in "Peaceful Valley." Mr. Thomas Barry is lovable in a motherly part, and Dorothy Donneily is alequate as the rather commonplace object of the hero's affection. Edwin Nicander and Georgia Welles carry light tasks and the objectionable persons are represented by Thomas Coleman, William Redmond and Charles D. Waldron. Some new measured by what he can do so much as by what the public likes to see him do. Gillette

Wilhelmine Schlueter, who has been for some years the popular old woman of the Irving Place Theatre, had a benefit last night, and appeared in the important leading rôle of pavilion as an extension to its other buildings Felix Philippl's new drama, "The Golden used in the summer at Coney Island. The Frau Schlueter has endeared herself to audiences at the German theatre by a succession of performances which would have made her famous if she had appeared before a less limited public. Comedy and tragedy, grande dame and woman of the people, she has impressed her talent and personality on every performance in which she appeared. Last night she was seen in the role of an imperious, yet human sovereign, and her acting was again a striking proof of her great value to Manager Conried's company. The sudience gathered especially in her honor, greeted Frau Schlueter with overwhelming warath and made her continuously the object of its particular favor. Felix Philippi's ne vest play, like The Inheritance, is based is motely on an incident which several years ago occupied the attention of European statesmen. A young Prince, weary of the idle life to which his rank condemns him, falls in love with sgirl who is his inferior in rank. His brother, the Crown Prince, opposes his plan to find happiness in life by marrying the woman he love. His mother takes his side, just as Queen Elizabeth of Roumania did under similar circumstances five years ago. The mimic Queen last hight prevailed and saw her son marry the girl he loved, as Herr Philippi departed from the facts that suggested this play to this conventional extent. The details of the incident are revealed with a certain degree of interest. But no single moment is engrossing, and the most that can be said in commendation of Herr Philippi's play is that it never allows the sympathy of the spectators to depart wholly from the story. proof of her great value to Manager Conried's

It was decided yesterday to end the run of Madame Butterfly" and "Naughty Anthony" at the Herald Square in two weeks. The production of the Japanese tragedy will be taken to the Duke of York's Theatre, London, where Evelyn Millard will play the title part. The next entertainment at the Herald Square will be a dramatization of The Old Curiosity Shop" called "Little Nell and the Marchioness." Mary Sanders will act both characters mentioned in the heading. When "The Rounders" is done in London it

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Edwards will produce a farce without music, it is taken from "Les Fetards," the same piece on which Harry B. Smith founded "The Rounders," but that play was so much changed from the original that the mutual origin will not matter. Dan Daly, Phyllig Rankin. Harry Davenport and Edward Tyler will be the leaders in the cast.

Clasic Loftus returned to her vaudeville work at the Proctor House yesterday and introduced some new imitations. She was not easy in them and the planist at the Pleasure Palace made her usual smile impossible by playing with no regard to her singing. Her mimicry of Camille D'Arville showed promise of excellence under better circumstances. In her copies of May Irwin and Dan Daly she sang "Sister Mary" and "The Rounders" songs, instend of ones from "Kate Kip" and "The Belle of New York" as heretofore,
Edward J. Abrams is no longer connected with Koster & Bial's, though he lent more than a helping hand in rehearsing the new ballet, "Progress," as well as attending to his duties as managing director of the music hall.

Gertrude Quinlan sang the chief part in "Fra Diavolo" last night in place of Maude Lillian. Berri, who was announced for it but was indisposed. Josephine Hall returned to her title rôle of "Mam'slie 'Awkins" after her iliness of last week.

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Donnelly stock company for next week. She
will play Rosalind, in which part she was seen
last summer at Larchmonts. This revival of
"As You Like It" will be the first plunge of the
Murray Hill players into Shakospeare.

THE OPERA.

A Hurried Change of Bill at the Me tropoli tan Last Evening.

The difficulties attending the performances of "Tristan und Isolde" at the Metropolitan Opera House this season have evidently not all disappeared with the first production. The opera was announced last night, but "Der Filegende Hollaender" was sung in its place. M. Van Dyck was ill with a cold, and as neither M. Dippel, M. Cornubert Dor M. Perotti includes Tristan it. répertoire there was nothing to do but change the opera. "Der Fliegende Hollaender" has been sung three times this season, including last night's performance. On all occasions MM. Bertram, Pringle and Dippel have taken the leading parts. Mile. Termina last night sang Senta, which has fallen hitherto to Mmc.

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M. Bertram's inflexible and solemn manner is suited to the part of the mysterious navigator and his voice is heard to greater advantage in this role than in any other. It has greater power and greater beauty as well. M. Dippel is an excellent Eric and Dalond is well sung by M. Pringle, and Mme. Schumann-Heink aids unusual humor and characterization to the small part of Mary, which is insignificant in other hands.

Mille, Ternina's Senta was dramatically beautiful to a degree unprecedented here and she sang the music with her accustomed skill and a rare expressiveness and cloquence. The chorus was half as numerous as usual owing to the fact that "Eaust" was sung last night in Brooklyn. This arrangement would have

Brooklyn. This arrangement would have answered very well if Tristan und Isolde' had been sung. But the change of programme brought confusion. Simultaneous opera in brought confusion. Simultaneous opera in different cities is a complicated undertaking.

TOUGH BOY FROM M'GURK'S.

Has His Wife Arrested on a Trumped-Ur

Charge, and Is Jailed in Her Place. John Godfrey of 404 West Forty-eighth street caused the arrest of a young woman on the Bowery on Saturday night, complaining that she had robbed him of a gold watch worth \$175 while they were sitting at a table in McGurk's dive. The woman gave the name Minnie She man. In Yorkville court on Sunday she asked to have the examination postponed until she could produce witnesses to disprove the charge.

could produce witnesses to disprove the charge. The case was called again yesterday.

"This man never had a gold watch," declared the woman. "He is my husband."

"Is that true." Magistrate Fianimer asked the complainant.

"Naw; she's givin' yer ragtime. All I want's fer her to flash me watch so's I kin git out," Godfrey answered.

The prisoner said that they were married on Dec. 29, 1898, in the German Church in 109th street near Second avenue, and that they lived for six weeks at 225 West 148th street.

"What about that?" the Magistrate asked Godfrey.

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"Dat's a good 'un. She knocks me."
"What motive could she have for fibbing?"
asked the Magistrate.
"Search me. Judge. Ye'll have to give me
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Godfray said he had been graduated from the West Fifty-second street public school.

The young woman said that her husband had deserted her and she resumed her maiden had deserted her and she resumed her maiden had deserted her and she resumed her maiden of Bronx Park allotted to the New York Zoological Section. had deserted her and shartestand her handen name and obtained employment to support herself. She knew that Godfrey frequented McGurk's and went there to see if he would give her money. Her husband's father and sister were in court and the Magistrate called them up. Both declared that Godfrey had them up. Both declared that Godfrey had married the young woman, as she asserted.

"He is a thoroughly bad man and I want to see him put in some institution," said the father. "He robbed his married sister, Mrs. Etta Simons, of 417 West 156th street of \$350 worth or jewelry and clothing last Friday night. I want to make a complaint and have him sent to prison. He has been there twice before."

The Magistrate discharged Godfrey's wife and held him for robbery until to-morrow. The elder Godfrey said he had not known the trouble his daughter-in-lish had to support herself and proposed to take take her in his home and provide for her.

JAILED ON A CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

And Smith's Girl Accuser Is in a Serious Condition-Says He Made Her Drunk. Nellie Fox. 17 years old, of 360 West Fiftyfirst street, left her home last Monday week in the afternoon and did not return home until the next afternoon. She was seriously ill then, and told her parents that Thomas Smith of 986 Eighth that Thomas Smith of 1986 Eighth avenue had enticed her to a number of salonous, and after she had become intoxicated had taken her to a hotel and assaulted her. The family physician. Dr. Hahn of 313 West Flifty-first screet, was called in, but the girl's condition continued to grow worse and yesterday her brother James called in the police and repeated her story. They arrested Smith and locked him up in the West Forty-seventh street station. He admitted that he knew the girl, but denied that he had assaulted her.

INFANTS' HOSPITAL BY THE SEA. To Be Built With \$10,000 Given by Two

Women to a Brooklyn Society. The Children's Aid Society of Brooklyn has received a gift of \$10,000 from two women for the building of an infants' hospital and a beach names of the givers at their request are withheld by the society. The hospital will be reserved for cases of critical illness. The main floor will be divided into a number of rooms, so as to permit mothers to be with their sick children. The buildings will be completed in time for the summer season.

Alfred T. White, chairman of the Seaside Home Committee, has offered to contribute \$5,000 toward the deficit of \$19,000 in the society's general fund if the remaining \$14,000 is raised by June. Over \$5,000 of this sum, it was said yesterday, had already been subscribed. names of the givers at their request are with-

M. Devries's Wife Dead.

Mme. Leonie Devries, the wife of Herman Devries, basso of the Maurice Grau Opera Company, died on Sunday after an illness of two months duration. Her two children arrived from France only a few hours before her death and she recovered consciousness sufficiently to recognize them. Mine Devries died of cancer of the liver. The body will be removed to France for burial.

Proctor Leases a Philadelphia Theatre. PHILADELPHIA, March 12.-The Park Theatre has been leased for a term of years to F. F. Proctor of New York, the yearly rental being \$15,000. The property is owned by the Fleish-

A. H. Reeves Leases a Brooklyn Theatre. Albert H. Reeves, owner of the Reeves Big Burlesque Company, has leased the Criterion Theatre in Fulton street near Grand avenue, Brooklyn, for a team of years.

Miss Helen R. Benedict's Engagement

The engagement is approunced of Miss Helen Ripley Benedict, daughter of Mr. E. C. Benedict. of 10 West Fifty-first street, to Thomas Hastings, Jr. Mr. Hastings is a member of the firm of Hastings & Carrère, the architects of the new Public Library building.

To Cruise in the Mediterranean.

Among those sailing to-day on the Kaisor Wilhelm der Grosse will be Mrs. Richard Irvin and Mrs. Robert Goelet, who will be joined at when The Bounders is done in London it will be bolstered up by the introduction of various songs from old Casino successes. The name will also be changed, perhaps to "The Night Owls." It is to be proved at the Shafts.

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bury and at another theatre there. George ADJOURNMENT IN SIGHT.

THE ASSEMBLY ADOPTS A RESOLU-TION TO ADJOURN MARCH 31.

Bill Fixing a Salary Schedule for New York

Schoolteachers Passed in the Senate
-The Annual Appropriation Bill Has Also Been Passed-Two Railroad Bills. ALBANY, March 12. - The Assembly to-night passed a concurrent resolution providing for the final adjournment of the Legislature at noon on Saturday, March 31. When the resolution was received in the Senate for concurrence it was referred to the Finance Committee, whose work upon the annual supply bill, which has not yet been introduced, will determine finally

delayed until April 6 or 7. The Senate to-night passed the Senate Cities Committee bill flying a salary schedule for the New York city schoolteachers and providing that a four-mill tax shall be levied annually in New York city to raise money for the maintenance of the schools, which be distributed between the borshall oughs upon a minimum basis of \$600 for each teacher. The bill was passed just before midnight, after a long debate, by a vote of 26 to 17. The bill received just the required number of affirmative votes, twentyfour Republicans and two Democrats, Ahearn of New York and Graney of Westchester voting n its favor. Senators Brackett, Malby and Willis were the three absent Republican Sena tors. The Democratic Senators absent or not voting were Boyce, Havens, Rice and Sulli-

Senator Parsons to-night introduced a bill amending section 93 of the Railroad law, providing for the sale of street railroad franchises at public auction, by inserting therein the following words: "Where the consents of loca authorities have been heretofore given to corporations upon bids or agreements that the percentages of gross earnings to be paid shall exceed 5 per cent, the same shall be equalized so that each of said corporations shall only be required to pay 8 per cent, of its gross earn-

A second ratiroad bill introduced by Senator Parsons amends section 108 of the Railroad law by providing that where any street surface railroad company which has heretofore reeived the consent of the local authorities of any town or village to the construction and operation of its railroad on a street or highway within such town or village, where the land abutting on said street or highway was or is set apart for park purposes, it may construe and operate its railroad notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any other act of

the Legislature. Assemblyman Julius Harburger has introduced bills fixing the price of illuminating gas in New York city at 50 cents and prohibiting the consolidation of gas companies in that city Assemblyman Geoghan's bill, providing that no State institution shall purchase meats slaughtered outside of the State, which is almed at the Western meat backers, was dis-cussed in the Assembly to-night, and after being advanced to a third reading was re-ferred to the General Laws Committee for a hearing.

The Assembly passed these bills:

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Mr. Oreen's, authorizing the payment of the stemographers in the Minnerpal Court of New York city from Aug. 11. 1809, to Jan. 1, 1809, who were appointed pending the perspanation of an elutible list. Mr. a sters are admits the preparation of an elutible list. Mr. a sters are admits the New York city the defendant may appeal to any of the city Magistrates in the absence of the Magistrate before whom the conviction was originally had.

Mr. Maher's, providing that when goods sold on the installment plan are selved, they must be sold within thirty days by the vender or the vender may recover from the vender the amount paid on such articles.

Mr. Hill's, providing for the appointment of a State board of pharmacy, which shall grant licenses to those wishing to practise pharmacy in the State.

Mr. R. Gardiner's, authorizing the creamization of a State chiropodist association to regulate the practise of chiropody.

Mr. R. Uytenbean's giving the court authority to re-

A bill handed him by Comptroller Coler was introduced to night by Senator Featherson, authorizing the New York city Comptroller to provide for the extension of all or any part of the funded indebtedness of the counties of New York, Kings, Queens and Richmond as the same may mature. Certificates of stocks or bonds so extended shall bear interest at a rate same may mature. Certificates of stocks or bonds so extended shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding 3% per cent interest for a period not exceeding twenty years.

Senator Ford has a bill providing that stockholders of other than monied corporations may inspect the books of such corporations.

A bill introduced by Senator Armstrong provides that a conviction for assault shall not be a bar to a subsequent prosecution for manslaughter or murder, if death results.

Assemblyman Slater to-night reintroduced his bill of last year incorporating the Industrial and Commercial Exhibition Company, which authorizes the company to acquir real estate in New York City and erect thereon a building or buildings which shall be used for industrial and commercial expositions. The capital stock of the company is to be \$5,000,000 and it may issue mortgages on its property and property rights to the amount of \$20,000,000. Power is given the company to acquire title to real estate by condemnation proceedings, and the premises to be occupied by the company are to contain an area of at least 500,000 square feet, and the buildings to be erected thereon are to have a floor type. by the company are to contain an area of at least 500,000 square feet, and the buildings to be erected thereon are to have a floor space of not less than 2,000,000 square feet. The city is empowered to establish a park adjoining the premises, which may be acquired by the corporation. The city is also authorized to enter into a contract to rent floor space for an exhibit and to appropriate \$100,000 for prizes. The corporation is to set aside 200,000 square feet of floor space for the rental by the State. The Governor is to appoint eight State commissioners, the Mayor of New York city eight commissioners, the Mayor of New York city eight commissioners, and the company sixteen, who are to constitute a Board of Exhibition Commissioners.

Assemblyman Prince has introduced a bill to prevent the placing of fences on roofs for advertising purposes other than for the business of the occupant, the same to be no higher than four feet in the boroughs of Manhattau. Brooklyn and The Broox It also probibits fences on grounds in front of vacant lots being higher than ten feet. All fences on roofs and on the ground in violation of the proposed act must be removed before August of this year.

Assemblyman Tripp has introduced a bill amending the Banking law of last year by adding to the list of railroads in whose bonds savings banks may invest, the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company.

Senator Ford's bill, extending the life of the commission appointed by Gov. Black to establish Silver Lake park on Staten Island, passed the Senate to-night by a party vote of 27 to 20.

The Senate to-night passed the annual appropriation bill, which originated in the Assembly, and which carries appropriations of about

The Senate to the property of the Assembly, and which carries appropriations of about \$16.800,000 for the support of the State Government for the next fiscal year, including \$197.800 for the expenses of the State Superintendent of the Metropolitan Elections district.

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Senator Grady attacked this item, declaring that it was an increase of nearly \$40,000 overlast vear's appropriation for the same purpose. Senator Grady also opposed Senator D. F. Davis's bill appropriation \$50,000 to meet a defletency in the appropriation for Surt. McCuliagh's department for the present itself year. The bill was passed by a vote of 26 to 21, a strict party vote.

Mr. Brennan's bill abolishing the office of Commissioners of Jurors and the Special Commissioner of Jurors and the Special Commissioner of Jurors and the Special Commissioner to be performed by a trait and special jury commissioner, was then advanced to a third reading Mr. Fallows's bill prohibiting the Corporation Counsel of New York city from confessing indigment against the city without consulting the Comproile. The missority with make its light on the kill when it comes up on final passage.

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The congested condition of the Supreme Court of the First and Second Judicial districts was discussed in the Assembly to-night, Mr. Allds objected to Mr. Weekes's concurrent resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution which authorizes the Governor to appoint trial commissioners to sit and determine cases when the calendar becomes so congested that the Justices cannot get abreast of their work. Mr. Allds conter led that if relief was sought for New York city, the amendment should provide for the ejection of four additional Supreme Court Justices. Mr. Hill opposed the amendment on the same grounds, but Messrs, Weekes, Phillips, Slater and Dayla favored it as being the only means by which the feedlade secured. The amendment was barely passed, just the required number of votes, Di, being cast in its favor, and 26 votes were recorded against it.

M'GIFFERT MAY NOT RESIGN. Possibility That Additional Trouble Is in Store for Presbytery.

The meeting of the New York Presbytery yesterday made it appear that the situation with regard to the Rev. Arthur C. McGiffort's relations with the Presbyterian Church are to become still more complicated. At the meeting of Dr. McGiffert's adherents several weeks ago, at which it was decided that it was advisable for Dr. McGiffert to get out of the Presbyterian into the Con-gregational Church, Dr. McGiffert said that he was in the hands of his friends and that he would follow their advice. Since then, so it was said yesterday. Dr. McGiffert has changed his mind. He has learned that the Rev. Dr. G. W. F. Birch's appeal to the General Assembly against the action of the New York Presbyter; in dropping the McGiffert case would be prosecuted in the General Assembly whether he became a Congregationalist or not. No other course is open to Dr. B.reh, after having once filed notice of the appeal then to prosecute Dr. McGiffert, since this fact has been brought

filed notice of the appeal then to prosecute. Dr. McGiffert, since this fact has been brought to his attention, has expressed to some of his friends his conviction that it is his duty to remain in the church until the appeal has been fought out.

These rumors about Dr. McGiffert and his future actions floated about Presbytery and some of his adherents felt called upon to tell Dr. Birch and others with the utmost positiveness that Dr. McGiffert would stick to his original purpose of resigning. Dr. Birch said nothing, but some of the others who were thus addressed observed afterward that the assurances came from men who were not very close to Dr. McGiffert.

The grounds of Dr. Birch's appeal, which was circulated among the members yesterday in a volume of eighty-three pages, are in brief: First, irregularity in the proceedings of the New York Presbytery in handling the case; second, the refusal of the Presbytery to receive certain important testimony; third, a manifestation of prejudice in conducting the case, and fourth, a mistake or an injustice of the final decision. In general the appeal covers exactly the ground which was gone over by Dr. Birch in appealing in a similar way from the decision of the New York Presbytery in the case of Dr. Briggs. Should Dr. McGiffert depart from the Presbyterian communion before the General Assembly in St. Louis next May the appeal will still be tried in order to determine whether or not the Rev. Df. Birch's complaint against his Presbytery is justify founded. But it is considered extremely unlikely that the General Assembly will then go further than this into the merits of the McGiffert case.

The committee which has been investigating the work of the Rev. Mr. Faust the Hebrew missionary, in his Allen Street Mission, recommended that the work be brought to a close, Mr. Faust has been a constant supplicant before the Presbytery for money and it is not thought that the number of converts he has made justifies keeping up the mission. A committee was appointed to look farther int

ROFBLING CONSTRUCTION CO.

Authorized by the Secretary of State to De

ALBANY, March 12.-The Roebling Construcon Company of New Jersey, the directors of which are Frank H. Croker of New York city. James W. Hinkley of Poughkeepsie, and Charles G. Roebling, Ferdinand W. Roebling and Frank O. Briggs, of Trenton, N. J. was among the foreign corporations to-day authorized by the Secretary of State to transact business in this State. The company has a capital stock of State. The company has a capital stock of \$250,000, divided into 2500 shares, of which Frank H. Croker owns 170 shares and Mr. James W. Hinkley 50 shares. The company is authorized to construct all kinds of buildings, structures, and any and all appurtenances thereto, in along across, over and under any and all purile highways and waterways and public and private property. Mr. Frank H. Croker is secretary of the company and is with his princal business office at 121 Liberty sitest, New York City.

It is believed that this company is getting in shape to receive contracts to do construction work on the New York City Rapid Transit tunnel.

THE MORTGAGE TAX BILL.

Senator Stranahan Says That, as Amended

ALBANY, March 12.-In regard to the pubished statement that the Stranahan Mortgage Tax bill, as amended last week, will raise only \$6,000,000 revenue annually, Senator Stranahan said to-night:
"Our original estimate that the bill would raise only \$13,000,000 was too low. We are satisfied that the amended bill will raise a resence sufficient to accomplish one of the objects sought by the enactment—the abolition all dispose State towards.

Proposed New Railroad From New York to Brooklyn.

ALBANY, March 12.-The New York, Brook yn and Jersey City Rapid Transit Company of New York city was incorporated to-day to build and operate a compressed air or electriroad, six miles long, from Manhattan borough to Brooklyn. The capital is \$60,000 and the directors are: George Wilson, Adrian H. Muller, Frank H. Glover, James M. Muller, William A. Armstrong, L. F. W. Wallace and H. N. Glover of New York city; John Laburt of Jamaica, and A. L. Foulk of Brooklyn. George Wilson subscribes for \$58,000 of the company's capital stock

Notice Given of a Motion for a Reargument of the Gerry Case.

ALBANY, March 12.-Counsel for the State Board of Charities has filed with the Court of Appeals notice of a motion for reargument, on affidavits and points, in the case of the people of the State of New York, ex rel. the State Board of Charities, against the New York Society for of charities, against the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, known as the Gerry Society, appellant. The brief brings to the attention of the court the provisions of the statutes conferring prisdic-tion upon the State Board of Charities that were apparently overlocked by the court when the case was under consideration.

Albany, March 12.-Gov. Roosevelt has signed the following bills:
Senator Ambier's, prohibiting the sale of impure, adulterated, colored or unwholesome cream.

Mr. Trainor's, providing that the stock book and books of account shall be presumptive evidence of facts in actions brought against the officers, directors or stockholders of bank corporations.

Mr. Fowler's, authorizing Dunkirk to expend \$125,000 in improving its water supply.

Mr. Glesson's, increaing the salary from \$1,000 to \$2,000 of 'oroner's in Monroe county.

Senator Haven's, amending that section of the penal code prohibiting horseracing within one mile of a court house so as to provide that it shall not apply to races held at county fairs.

Senator Sherwood's, providing that the jail liberties of lath shall include Stenben county. signed the following bills: Senator Sherwood's, providing that the jail liberties of lath shall include Stenben county.

Senator Thornton's, repealing the section of the penal code which permitted a woman convicted of a foliony to be sent to a reformatory for women when the sentence was less than one year, and further amending the code by providing that a woman between afteen and thirty years of age may, in the discretion of the court, be sent to a reformatory.

Mr. Irainor's, amending the code of civil procedure relative to the substitution of indemnitors.

Senator Elsberg's, providing that the funds of certain estates may be invested in the stock of the Brodish Johnson estate corporation.

St. Louis, March 12 .- George J. Gould, President of the Missouri Pacific, issued a circular this evening announcing the resignation of W B. Doddridge as general manager and the appointment of Russeil Harding to succeed him. Accompanying this was the announcement by Edwin Goul', President of the Cotton Belt System, that Russell Harding would be succeeded by F. H. Britten as acting manager of the Southwestern Railway Company.

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MR. SHELDON AS AN EDITOR

HE GETS OUT HIS FIRST ISSUE OF THE "TOPEKA CAPITAL"

An Editorial on How a Christian Newspaper Should Be Conducted-Relative Importance of Topics as Indicated by Their Position-Instructions to the Staff. TOPERA, Kan., March 12.-When the Rev. C. M. Sheldon came to the Capital office this morning at 7:45 he first proceeded to open a stack of letters on the business manager's

Next he held a conference with the members of the staff of the Capital and in structed them as to the work of the day. No special assignments were made, but all reporters were told to avoid the use of slang. "You must not use the word Pop in reference to a certain political party," said Mr. Sheldon. 'The word must be spelled out in full, 'Popu-Mr. Sheldon selected as the most important

article to appear on the first page of to-mor ow's issue one dealing with starving India. The article quotes letters from several preach ers in the Congregationalist, the Advance and the Outlook on the need of help. Mr. Sheldon introduces the article with a signed statement appealing for aid for the starving and showing that a contribution of five cents will feed a starving family for a day. "The War Spirit" is the second article of importance on the first page, and it deals with the barbarities of war article on the first page. Kansas State officers are quoted on the subject. Gov. Stanley and former Govs. St. John, Humphrey and Morrill declare that prohibition at its worst is better than license at its best. Under the las large head on the first page is an appeal from W. M. Danner, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Denver, for contributions for a home for consumptives in Colorado This appeal is printed without comment from Mr. Sheldon. The second page of the paper is given up to editorials, the third to the telgraphic news of the day with all sensations o contributed articles on religious topics This prayer atmears on the editorial page ander the head, "A Morning Prayer and Resolve by Bishop Vincent: "I will try this day to live a simple, sincere

serene life, repelling every thought of discontent, self-seeking and anxiety, cultivating magnanimity, self-control and the habit of siience, practising economy, cheerfulness and helpfulness; and if I cannot in my own strength do this, or even with a hope of suceess attempt it, I look to Thee, O Lord, my Father in Jesus Christ, my Saviour, and ask

Following is Mr. Sheldon's leading editorial: "Last December, the owners of the Topeka Daily Capital asked me to assume entire charge of the paper for one week and edit it as a distinctly Christian duily. I have accepted the invitation on condition that I receive no financial compensation, and that a share of the profits be used for some benevolent work, and named the week keginning Tuesday. March 13, 1900, as the week for the experiment. With the hearty cooperation of every person connected with the paper and with the help of the wisdom that I have prayed might be given me from Him who is wiser than any of us, I shall do the best I can. Daily Capital asked me to assume entire

best I can.

If a thousand different Christian men who wished to edit Christian dar los should make an hone-s attempt to do so, the result might be a thousand different papers in very many particulars. In other words, these Christian editors might arrive at different conclusions in the interpretation of what is Christian. It is, of course, the farthest from my purpose to attempt to show in a dogmatic way what is the one thing that Jeans would do in every case. The only thing I or any other Christian man can do in the interpretation of what is Christian in the conduct of this paper is to define the term 'Christian' the best that can be done after asking for divine wisdom and not judge others who might with equal desire and sincerity interpret the probable action of Jesus in a different manner. With this understanding of the conduct of the paper this week I will state in part its general purpose and policy. reek I will state in part its general purpose

and policy.

First-It will be a newspaper. The word 'news' will be defined as anything in the way "First-It will be a newspaper. The word news' will be defined as anything in the way of daily events that the public ought to know for its development and power in a life of righteomenses. Of necessity the editor of this paper or of any other with this definition of news' will determine not only the kind but the quantity of any particular event that ought to be published. The importance of one kind of news compared with another kind will also determine the place in the paper in which the matter will be printed. If it seems to the editor that certain subjects representing great causes that belong to the profoundest principles of human life are the most important, they will be given the first page of the paper, whether they are telegraphic items or not. It might easily become the settled policy of a permanent paper similar to this one to consider the detailed accounts of an unusual battle as of less importance to the reader than an account of the usual daily destruction being caused by liquor. The first page of the Capital this week will contain what seems to the editor to be the most vital issues that affect humanity as a whole. "Second—The paper will be non-partisan not

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"Second—The paper will be non-partisan, not only in municipal and State polities, but also in national polities. I do not mean to say that a thristian daily cannot be partisan. This is simply my interpretation of 'Christian' as applied to this part of the paper's life. plied to this part of the paper's life.

"Third—On the liquor question the paper will advocate the prohibition of the whole liquor tusiness from Maine to California and all around the globe. By prohibition I mean the total extinction of the curse of making, selling buying and drinking intoxicating liquors; its extinction by legal ensetment, by personal total abstinence, and by every form of State, home, church and school education that Christians can devise.

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"Fourth—The great social questions of the age will be given prominence. The seffishness of markind in every form of greed, commercially or politically, will be considered as of more serious consequences to us as a people than many other matters which too often engage the time and attention of mankind. often engage the time and attention of mankind.

"Fifth—The paper will declare its abborrence of war as it is being wared to-day not only in Africa, but in the Philippines and everywhere else.

"Sixth—On the matters of 'Finance' or 'Tariff' or 'Expansion' or matters of public concern which have to do with measures of this character, the editor has personal opinions which may or may not be voiced in this paper. If he gives expression to them it will be in no dogmatic or to sitive manner, as if he knew what the whole Christian truth was concerning them. In regard to many of these questions. I do not know what is the Christian answer to them. In regard to others, my study of them has not yet resulted in convictions that are strong enough to print. I do not wish to declare through this paper a policy concerning certain political resulted in convenions that are strong enough this paper a policy concerning certain political measures which are not clear in my own mind.

"seventh—The main nurpose of the paper will be to influence itsireaders to seek first the kingdom of God first of all, will in time find right answers to all disputed questions and become a powerful and useful nation.

"Flighth—Editorial and other articles written by reporters will be signed by the writers. The exceptions will be small items and such local and telegraphic news as in its nature does not require signature. There will be no Sanday paper, but instead a Saturday evening edition suitable for Sanday realing.

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank the many friends everywhere who have sent me words of encouragement it has been impossible for me to answer them personally. I also wish to express to the most of the Christian correspondents who have sent me assurance of their prayers to

onally. I also wish to express to the most of the Christian correspondents who have sent me assurance of their prayers to his week's work my deep acknowledgment of the source of whatever strength I have felt a preparing for a task which lies beyond the reach of any merely human effort. May God hiess the use of this paper to the glory of His kingdom on the earth.

"Charles M. Sheldon."

CHARLES M. SHALDON."

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 12.—The Rev. Mr.

Sheldon startled a newraper man here to-night
by wiring an order for 500 words by telegraph
on "The Religions situation in Kansas City."
At midnight the man with the order was
securing the town for tips. Demand That Union Labor Alone Be

Employed. Ripperone, Me. March 12 -A strike was egun this noon in the machine shops of the

Faco and Petter Company, manufacturers of cotton-mil machinery. The Machinists' Union demanded that only union men be employed. Agent Threilall refused to accede to the deman. The shors are a branch of the Petter shops in Newton Upper Falls, Mass. Fight hundred men are employed. Coler to Talk to Labor Men Again.

westing of the con-versity Place on his bill affecting judgments for debts against the city on behalf of city workmen and others. Three-fourths of the members of the bodal Reform Club belong to

Comptroller Coler will speak to-night at a

Rew Publications.

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fan Who Disagreed With the Rector Got

Because he considered the rector's remarks adelicate, and his theme inappropriate for pulpit discussion, a man arose in St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in East 117th street on Sunday evening and attempted to expostulate with the Rev. Dr. John McGurk, who was in the pulpit. Three thousand people were it

INTERRUPTED THE SERMON.

The subject of Dr. McGurk's sermon was "Purity and the Sanctity of the Marriage Vows." He handled his theme in plain, unmistakable language, and denounced "infide ity and unfaithfulness" as the two scourges of modern civilization. Some men and some women, the preacher said, were so forgetful of the divine attributes of the marriage relation that in their conduct and acts they were comparable with "red-handed murderers." At this point, a tall, well-dressed man, occu pying a seat in the middle aisle, only a few

seats from the altar rail, arose. No one noticed him until he raised his hand, and in a calm, de-

seats from the altar rail, arose. No one noticed him until he raised his hand, and in a calm, deliberate voice, said:

"Father, I wish to say a few words. Let me speak for a moment."

Dr. McGurk ceased speaking. For a moment there was breathless silence. Then there was a murmur of disapproval.

"His remarks were too outspoken," said the man. Before he could say another word Dr. McGurk raised his hand and, in a voice that compelled attention, said:

"Man, don't you know you have committed a Sing Sing prison offence?"

"Let me say a word," he again said, but it was drowned by the thundering voice of Dr. McGurk, who said:

"Sexion, remove this man at once,"
"But let me speak" he said.

"Remove him, sexton," said Dr. McGurk.

The sexton hurried up the aisle caught the man by the arm, and hustled him out of a side door. Then Dr. McGurk continued his sermon. Neither Dr. McGurk continued his sermon.

HELPS IN SEEING EXPOSITION.

How This Society Proposes to Enlighten Visitors to the Great Show at Paris. Prof. Patrick Geddes, Secretary of the British Group of the International Association for the Advancement of Science, Art and Education told the members of the League for Political Education yesterday what his association is, and asked them to cooperate with it in develoning the educational possibilities of the Paris Exposition. The first assembly of the association, which has it French group and British group already, and a United States group in process of formation, is to be held this year at process of formation, is to be neid this year at Paris during the Exposition. According to Prof. Geddes it is to supplement the Exposi-tion and to save the hig show from being noth-ing but a show. "To look at miles of pictures," said Prof. Geddes, "or to go through long avenues of ex-hibits alone is not educational. Explanation hibits alone is not educational. Explanation and interpretation will be needed to make the Exposition a source of culture. Experts must

Exposition a source of culture. Experts must be there to give the essential common sense of things. And it is to provide the guides and to hold the special congresses that will serve as the popular encyclouedia of the great show that our association is to hold its first assembly in Paris."

For the sake of doing something definite after hearing Prof. Geddes's explanation, the League for Political Education passed a resolution constituting itself as the New York group of the international body, and then the group appointed a committee to cooperate with the committee already appointed in Chicago and with one that is to be named in Boston. Among those on the New York committee are the Rev. Lyman Abbott, W. Dean Howells, Prof. F. H. Giddings, Henry Holt, Mrs. Edwin R. Hewitt, George Haven Putnam and Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer.

Gov. Tanner Starts for Palm Beach SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 12.-Gov. Tanner and party left at midnight for Palm Beach. Fla., where the Governor will spend two or three weeks in the hope of recuperating his

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

....6:17 | Sun sets. 6:04 | Moon rises. .. 4:87 RIGH WATER-THIS DAY. Sandy Hook., 5:48 | Gov I'd ... 6:20 | Hell Gate 8:18

Arrived-Monday, March 12. Ss New York, Proctor, San Domingo, Feb. 25, Ss Elsie Marie, Dalldorf, Hamburg, Feb. 24, Ss Altai, Morris, Savanilla, Feb. 27, Ss Lonistana, Kemble, New Orleans, March 7, Ss Rio Grande, Avery, Brunswick, Marci 9, Ss Kansas City, Fisher, Savannah, March 10, Ss Britannic, Neilsen, Boston, March 11, Ship Muskoka, Crowe, Limerick, Feb. 21,

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DIED

BELL .- On Monday, March 12, 1900, at his restdence 50 West 21st st. Edward R. Funeral services at Grace Church, Broadway and 10th st., on Thursday, March 15, 1900. st 10 o'clock. It is requested that no flowers be seat. CONNOR At his residence, Tenafty, N. J.,

denly, on Monday, March 12, 1900, Cleveland & Connor. Notice of funeral hereafter. COOPER. On Sunday, March 11, 1900, Miss Abbie J. Cooper, aged 68 years. Services at her late residence, 78 Clermontev. Brooklyn, on Tuesday, March 18, 1900, at 8 P. M.

EDGAR.-At Rahway, N. J., March 12, 1900, of pneumonia, Major George P. Edgar. Notice of funeral in Wednesday's paper. EGBERT.-At his residence, 438 Myrtle et. Brooklyn. Henry Egbert, aged 74 years, Funeral services on Tuesday evening, March 18,

1900. Burial at convenience of family. HALL,-At Montclair, N. J., March 10, 1900, Annie Elizabeth, wife of Robert M. Hall. Funeral from her late residence, 40 South Willow st. Tuesday, March 13, 1900, at 2:30 P. M. Carriages will meet 1:20 train Lackawanna Rail-

NARAMORE.-At North Woodbury, Conn., suddenly, on March 5, 1900, Caroline W., widow of William W. Navamore, formerly of this city. Interment at Bridgeport, Conn.

SCHAUS. On Sunday, March 11, 1900, at Wicebaden. Wilhelmine Z., widow of Carl Friedrick Schaus, in her 86th year. STEVENS .- On Saturday, March 10, 1900, at 87

5th av. Robert Livingston, Jr., son of Robert Livingston and Mary S. Stevens, aged 4 months. Funeral at Trinity Church, Hoboken, on Tuesday, March 13, 1900, at 3 o'clock,

VERMILVE- At Middletown, Conn., on Sunday, March 11, 1900, William G. Vermilye, in the 59th year of his age Funeral services will be held in the Chapel of the Presbyterian Church at Englewood, N. J., ca March 14, 1200, at 11 o'clock. Carriages will meet the train leaving Chambers st. at 10 A. M.

WILLIAMSON. - At Elizabeth, N. J., on Sunday, March, 11, 1900, Benjamin, eldest son of the late Chancellor Williamson. telatives and friends are kindly invited to attend the funeral services from Trinity Church, North

ad street. Elizabeth, N. J., on Wednesday. March 14, 1900, at 2 o'clock, Friends are requested to omit flowers. Interment private.

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